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### **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-6 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his election of species requirement in view of the remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

### **ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner has set forth an election of species requirement with regard to the present application. The grouping of the claims is set forth as follows:

SPECIES	CLAIMS	FIGURES
I	1-3 and 5	2 and 3
II	4 and 6	4 and 5

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3 and 5 are generic to the two species identified above.

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicants has elected the species of Group I for initial examination. Applicants hereby elects claims 1-3 and 5 for initial examination. The Examiner is respectfully requested to act on the elected claims.

The provisions of 37 CFR 1.146 state that a reasonable number of species are permitted in a single application. The present application contains two (2) species. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's election of species requirement is improper in view of the fact that a reasonable

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number of species are set forth in the present application.

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's election of species requirement, claims 1-3 and 5 have been initially elected. If the Examiner does persist in his election of species requirement, Applicants reserve the right to proceed with the filing of a divisional application directed to non-elected species at a later date if they so desires.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

The Examiner has acknowledged the Priority Document filed on December 5, 2003. No further action is necessary.

#### DRAWINGS

The Examiner has approved the Formal Drawings submitted by the Applicants. No further action is necessary.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 5, 2003. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 should be sent to the undersigned at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

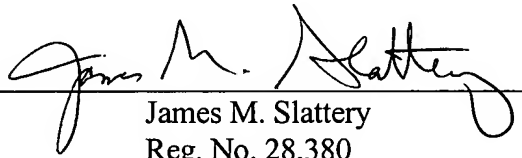
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Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to  
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